

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/817,545  
Applicants: William Jackson Devlin, Sr.  
Filed: April 2, 2004  
Title: METHOD FOR INCREASING THROUGHPUT IN AN  
AUTOMATIC CLINICAL ANALYZER BY DUPLICATING  
REAGENT RESOURCES  
Art Unit: 1797  
Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy  
Confirmation No.: 2540  
Docket No.: 2004P59106US

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Final Office Action dated May 11, 2010. Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: